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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஏற்கனவே வைகை ரிசர்வாயர் திட்டத்தைப் பற்றி பல தடவைகள் இந்தச் சபையில் கேள்விகள் கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. ஒவ்வொரு தடவையும் ஒன்னும் முடிவு செய்யப்படவில்லை, ஆலோசனை செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறோம் என்று பதில் சொல்லுகிறார்கள். எப்பொழுதுதான் இதை முடிவு செய்யப்போகிறார்கள் என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It cannot be said now, Sir. The whole question is being examined. The experts are at it and they have to submit their report and the Government have to consider the report. No time-limit can be fixed for that."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the work has commenced and people are working at it? What is the meaning of the Hon. Minister saying that the work is not yet over? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have sanctioned the scheme and the execution of the headworks is going on. It will take 4 to 4½ years' time to complete the project. But that has no bearing on the issue of what the scope of the project will be. So, work need not be stopped. That is how we have started the work. The hon. Member may understand that has no bearing on this issue at all."

* 884 *Q.*—Answered at the end of question hour.

Encouragement of cottage industries.

* 885 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to encourage cottage industries to solve the problem of unemployment in the State, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no proposal for encouraging cottage industries to solve specifically the problem of unemployment as such. But all the cottage industries schemes which are in operation and which may be undertaken hereafter in this State are designed to solve the problem of unemployment also to a certain extent."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have given any subsidy to the cottage industries and also whether Government have given any publicity regarding the subsidy given to the cottage industries? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have gathered any statistics regarding cottage industries in the State? If so, have the Government any scheme for the development of these cottage industries? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have prepared a scheme already, Sir. The Scheme covers the following cottage industries :—

(1) Sri Visweswarayya's Scheme for industrialization of rural areas.

(2) Scheme for establishment of two training centres at Kasaragod and Madurai for glass bangle and bead manufacture.

(3) Scheme for establishment of a training centre at Madras for manufacture of scientific glassware.

(4) Scheme for conducting peripatetic demonstration and training centres of tanning and leather goods manufacture.

(5) Scheme for establishment of a Cottage Industries Research Institute at Madras.

(6) Scheme for establishment of four Regional Museums for cottage industries and small-scale industries at Kozhikode, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli.

(7) Scheme for development of woollen drugget industry.

(8) Scheme for establishment of Regional Advisory Boards for development of selected cottage industries.

(9) Scheme for the development of cottage industries in the Malnad area.

(10) Scheme for establishment of production-*cum*-training centres of silk reeling."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister stated that they did not encourage cottage industries with a view to relieve unemployment. May I know, Sir, the policy underlying their encouragement of cottage industries? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have said, Sir, cottage industries also relieve unemployment."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is there any Committee to encourage cottage industries under the State-Aid to Industries Act and what are all the cottage industries encouraged by our State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already given various schemes of cottage industries encouraged in various parts of the Madras State. There is a State Cottage and Village Industries Council that has been functioning and it is guiding the organization of these industries."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஒரு நீண்ட ஜாப்தாவைப் படித்தார்கள். அவைகளில் என்னென்ன குடிசைத் தொழிலுக்கு சர்க்கார் பாதுகாப்பு அளித்து வருகின்றது என்பதைப்பற்றி எடுத்துச் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் பரம்பரை பாரம்பரையாக கிராமங்களிலே இருந்து வரும் கொல்லன் பட்டரை, குயவன் பட்டரை முதலியவைகளையும் காப்பாற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் ஏதாவது திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் அவைகள் என்னென்ன ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, all these indigenous industries in the rural areas are also being taken up."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I did not want the Hon. Minister to give me the result or the effect of encouragement of cottage industries. I want him to give a statement with regard to the policy underlying the encouragement of cottage industries."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, I have already stated that cottage industries add to the poor income of the villagers and also relieve to some extent unemployment."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the manufacture of cycle-rickshaws and cycles as cottage industries? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know, Sir, whether it can be organized as a cottage and village industry. But I shall look into it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have this Government a plan to encourage cottage industries in this State under the Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் மந்திரி பதில் சொல்லும்போது கிளாஸ் குடிசைத் தொழில் என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் பெரிய பெரிய தொழிற் சாலைகளில்தான் கிளாஸ் தொழில் நடக்கின்றது. ஆகவே கிராமாந்திரங்களில் நடக்கும் கூடை கட்டுதல், முறம் கட்டுதல், கயறு பின்னுதல் போன்ற தொழில்களை எல்லாம் அபிவிருத்தி பண்ணுவதற்கு இந்த கவர்ன்மெண்டு வசதி செய்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member need not be obsessed with the idea that all these could be done only in big factories. Glassware could be done on a cottage industry basis. Regarding other things which the hon. Member mentioned, Government are certainly examining how these things could be organized."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that manufacture of cycle-rickshaws is a cottage industry in Japan? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member has got these ideas, I shall be very much obliged if he could educate me about this, so that I can take it up."

Cancellation of the licences of bus-conductors for the offence of overloading.

* 886 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences of bus-conductors cancelled during the year 1953–54 for the offence of overloading; and